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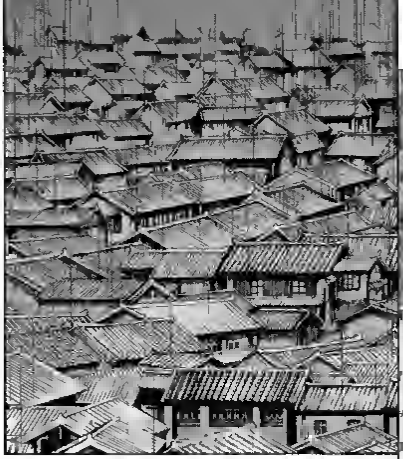

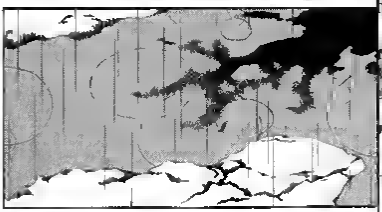

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I'M HUNGRY
LET'S EXECUTE THE REST OF THEM AFTER WE EAT

HIS MAJESTY SAIO...
WE ARE TO KILL YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY.

CAPTAIN WON HYO?
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO BE PART OF THIS,
"PIRYEO-MAKJON" MEANS ANYTHING THAT ISN'T BEAUTIFUL SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXIST
THAT IS THE IMPERIAL DECREE...
THIS IS THE RICE RATION THE GOVERNMENT PASSED OUT TODAY
WHEN WE GET HOME I'LL MAKE YOU SOME DELICIOUS FOOD, LITTLE BRO.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE WHEN IT'S RAINING SO HARD?
HURRY LET'S GO HOME.

COME ON, LET'S GO!

ATTENTION!
WE ARE NOT TO SPARE A SINGLE PERSON!

OUR ORDERS ARE THAT ALL VILLAGES THAT DEFY PIRYEO-MAKJON...
ARE TO BE RAZED TO THE GROUND AND WIPED OFF THE MAP OF JUSHIN.
WHAT EXACTLY HAVE WE DONE?!
WHAT CRIMES HAVE WE COMMITTED?
HEY!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HUH?
GWAAHH!

FIRE!

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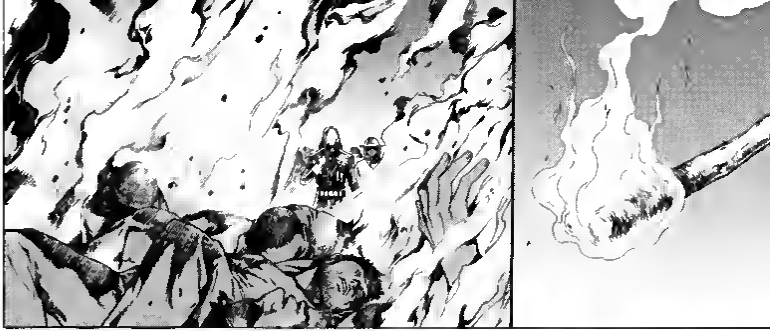
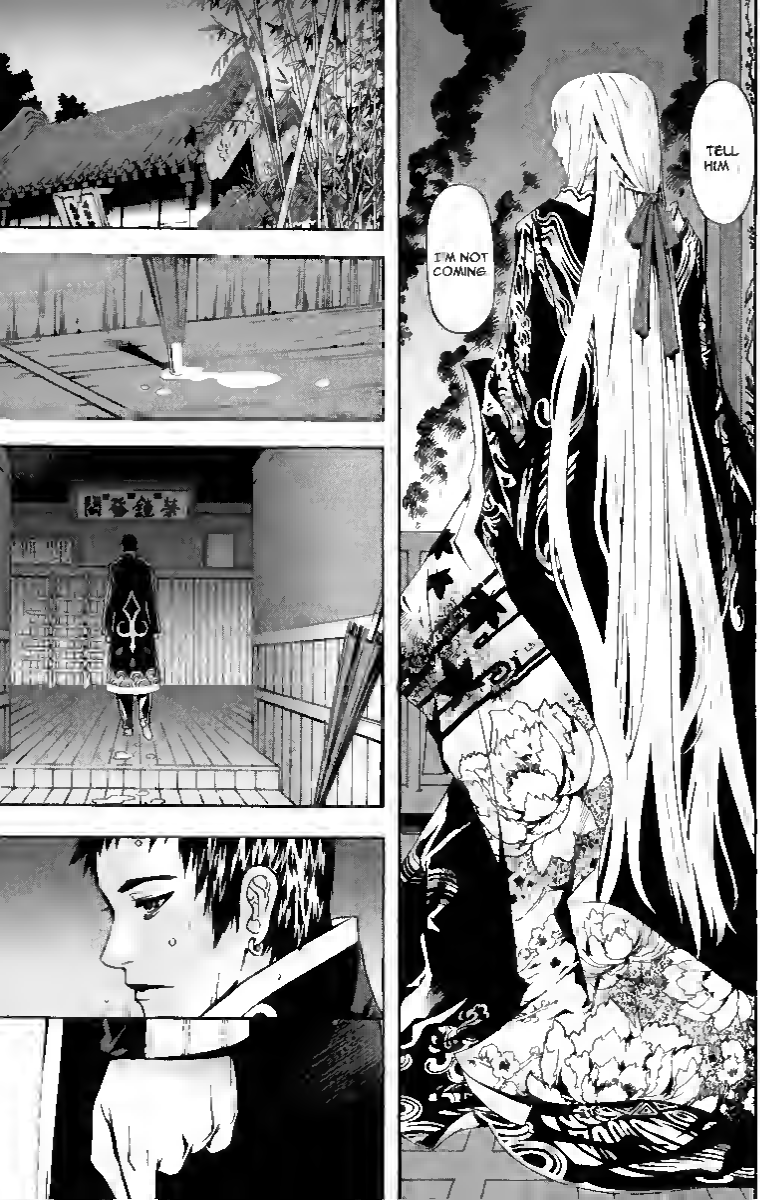
WHAT IS THAT?
WHA-
HUH?
WAHH!



MY QUEEN,
HIS MAJESTY THE KING CALLS YOU TO ATTEND HIS PARTY


TELL HIM
I'M NOT COMING

BREAKING INTO MY HOME? YOU MUST HAVE A DEATH WISH!
LET ME SEE WHAT FOOL DARED TO DO THIS!
UGH!
GENERAL MUNSU?!
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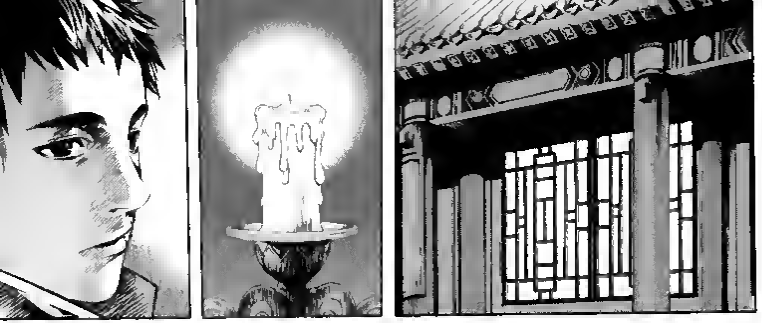
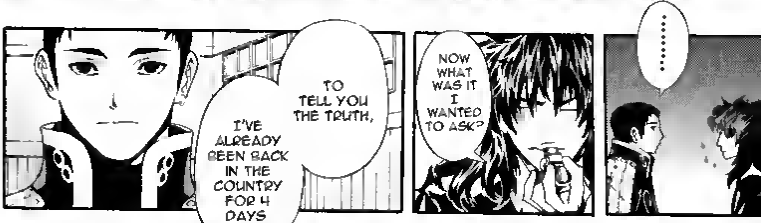


WHY SO QUIET, WON SIL?
THERE MUST BE THOUSANDS OF QUESTIONS YOU'D LIKE TO ASK ME.
YOU MUST ALREADY KNOW...
I'M A WANTED MAN HERE IN JUSHIN.
VERY WELL... I'LL START FIRST.
UPON MY RETURN TO JUSHIN, THE FIRST PERSON I WANTED TO SEE WAS YOU.

YOU'RE EVEN WORSE THAN YOU WERE BEFORE!
DAMN YOU WHY APEN'T YOU ASKING ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL?
.....
I'M EVEN AFRAID TO REVEAL MY IDENTITY TO THE COMMON SOLDIERS HA HA
AS THE ALLEGED MASTERMIND OF THE REBELLION,
OF COURSE, I REALIZE I'M BRINGING A LOT OF TROUBLE ON MYSELF

BECAUSE I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS
ANYWAY, I CAME LOOKING FOR YOU


I'VE ALREADY BEEN BACK IN THE COUNTRY FOR 4 DAYS
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH,
NOW WHAT WAS IT I WANTED TO ASK?
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I STILL CAN'T MAKE SENSE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN JUSHIN RIGHT NOW
BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TRY TO FIGURE IT OUT
JUST WHAT IS THIS PIRYEO-MAKJON?
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST BAD WEATHER...
ON THE DAY I ARRIVED, DARK, OMINOUS CLOUDS FILLED THE SKY.
THOSE DARK CLOUDS WERE FORMED BY SMOKE FROM ALL THE DEAD BODIES BEING BURNED ACROSS THE LAND.
BUT THAT WASN'T THE CASE.
IN THE 4 DAYS I'VE BEEN HERE I'VE SEEN 5 INCIDENTS OF MASS EXECUTION CARRIED OUT BY THE MILITARY.
5 TIMES ALREADY.

ALL THAT IS UNSIGHTLY IS TO BE COMPLETELY ELIMINATED—
OF COURSE, GETTING THE ANSWER DIRECTLY FROM HAE MO SU HIMSELF WOULD BE BEST,
BUT BEFORE I DO THAT, LET ME ASK YOU—
WON SUL, TELL ME,
WHAT SORT OF POLICY IS THIS PIRYEO-MAKJONG?
THE IMPERIAL DECREE!!
IS THAT WE MUST CREATE A MORE BEAUTIFUL JUSHIN.
CRIMINALS, COMMONERS, THE POOR, AND EVERYTHING BELONGING TO THEM
IT'S A PLAN OF CLEANSING
.....
ONLY THAT WHICH IS BEAUTIFUL SHALL BE ALLOWED TO EXIST IN THIS COUNTRY
A MISSION TO BEAUTIFY THE COUNTRY AND CREATE A NEW JUSHIN

I CAN ASK HIM TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH HAE MO SU
I NEED TO GET A CLEAR ANSWER FROM HIM ABOUT ALL OF THIS..
WON SUL I HAVE A REQUEST
PLEASE GO TO THE PALACE IMMEDIATELY AND GET AJI TAE TO COME HERE
.....
THAT'S UN-BELIEVABLE
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WHO IS THAT?
AJI TAE?
PERSONAL ADVISOR?
AJI TAE IS THE KING'S PERSONAL ADVISOR! HE WAS ONCE MY SECOND-IN-COMMAND
HEY THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE JOKING AROUND!
BUT RIGHT NOW THE KING DOESN'T HAVE A PERSONAL ADVISOR

I'M TELLING YOU TO STOP JOKING, WON SUL!
GO FIND AJI TAE FOR ME, RIGHT NOW!
.....
GENERAL, IS THERE SOME-THING WRONG WITH YOUR MIND?
THIS IS NONSENSE! TO THINK I PUT MY FAITH IN YOU! I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
I'LL GO FIND AJI TAE MYSELF!
"I WILL WAIT FOR YOU."
"EVEN IF IT TAKES FOREVER."

WON SUL...
DON'T EVER SAY THAT TO ME AGAIN

IT WAS WITH THE SUPPORT OF COUNTLESS COMRADES ON THE BATTLEFIELD
THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO ATTAIN THE TITLE OF "LEGENDARY"
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WELL SAID...
SO ARE YOU PLAYING SUCH AN INFANTILE TRICK ON ME BECAUSE YOU RESENT ME FOR DOING THAT?
BUT YOU...
GAVE IT ALL UP FOR A WOMAN

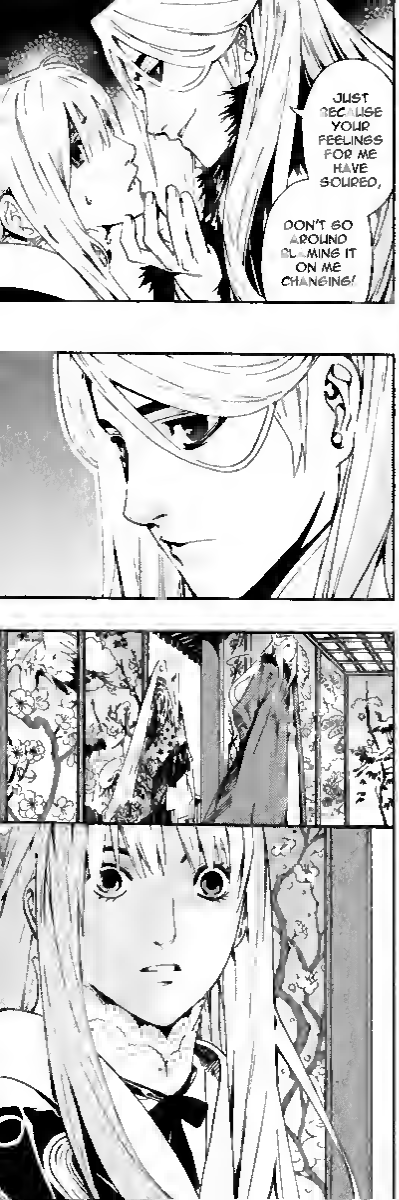
AJI TAE... HUH?
HIS MAJESTY THE KING ARRIVES!

KYE WOL HYANG?
WHY DIDN'T YOU ATTEND THIS EVENING'S PARTY,
!

PLEASE DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY,
BUT WHO WOULD WANT TO GO TO AN ABSURD PARTY LIKE THAT?
LOOK AT ME
WHEN YOU SPEAK
I CAN'T
BECAUSE I CAN'T SEE ANY HINT...

OF THE YOU I ONCE KNEW.
THAT YOU NO LONGER EXISTS.

EXACTLY WHAT...
CAUSED YOU TO CHANGE SO MUCH?
I CHANGED?
HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT?
ALL THIS TIME, I'VE BEEN POURING MY HEART INTO IMPROVING THIS COUNTRY.
ISN'T IT SLOWLY BECOMING MORE OF A PARADISE WITH EACH PASSING DAY?
PARADISE? HOW IS THIS A PARADISE?
AND I EVEN DID AS MY FRIEND WISHED...
AND TOOK YOU, THE FORMER LOVER OF A TRAITOR TO THIS COUNTRY,
AS MY ONE AND ONLY QUEEN.


JUST BECAUSE YOUR FEELINGS FOR ME HAVE SOURED,
DON'T GO AROUND BLAMING IT ON ME CHANGING!
AND NOW YOU SAY I'VE CHANGED?
HOW HAVE I CHANGED?

I'VE HEARD...
MUNSU HAS RETURNED.
ARE YOU SURPRISED?
DID YOU ONLY JUST FIND OUT HE ISN'T DEAD?

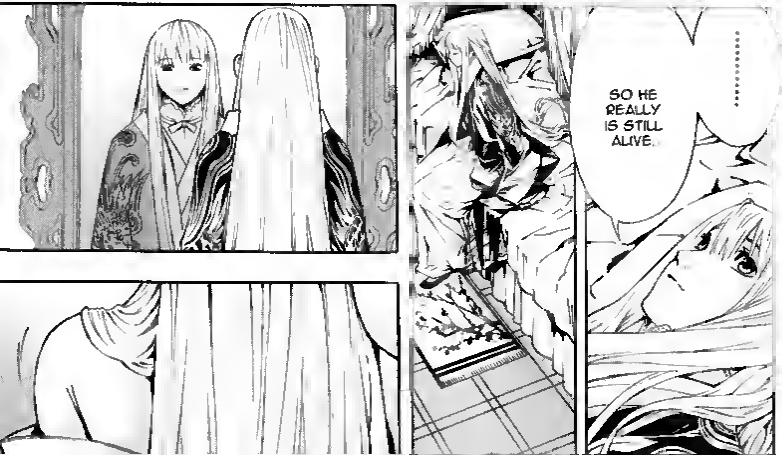
NO...
YOU MUST HAVE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME
THAT'S WHY YOU'VE REFUSED TO SHARE MY BED.
AND IT'S WHY YOU OFTEN HAVE THAT EXPRESSION
THE EXPRESSSION THAT MEANS
YOU'RE THINKING OF ANOTHER MAN

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS
I DON'T NEED TO KEEP UP THIS ACT AND PRETEND TO BE A NICE PERSON ANYMORE
HAVE I CHANGED?
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT.

KYE WOL HYANG, DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP.
YOU'LL DEFINITELY NEVER GET A CHANCE TO MEET HIM
IN THIS BEAUTIFUL NEW JUSHIN, MUNSU IS A GHOST OF THE PAST, AN ABOMI-NATION
EVEN IF HE IS AN OLD FRIEND,
I WON'T MAKE AN EXCEPTION.
JUSHIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PIPYEO-MAKJON...

SHALL DESTROY...
MUNSU.

IF YOU TWO DO MEET, I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
AND I'LL TEACH YOU A LESSON YOU'LL NEVER FORGET


SO HE REALLY IS STILL ALIVE.

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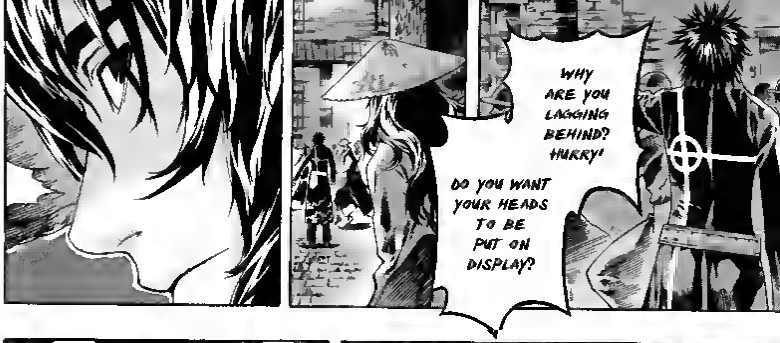
HURRY UP!
WE NEED TO CRUSH THE REBELLION IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY!
FASTER, MOVE FASTER!!


WHY ARE YOU LAGGING BEHIND? HURRY!
DO YOU WANT YOUR HEADS TO BE PUT ON DISPLAY?

YOU... WHY ARE YOU HERE?
BECAUSE I KNEW YOU'D COME HERE

YEONG SIL IS NOW HIS MAJESTY'S RIGHT-HAND MAN
IF YOU INSIST ON GOING THROUGH WITH THIS, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO TRY SOMEONE ELSE HE'S JUST TOO DANGEROUS

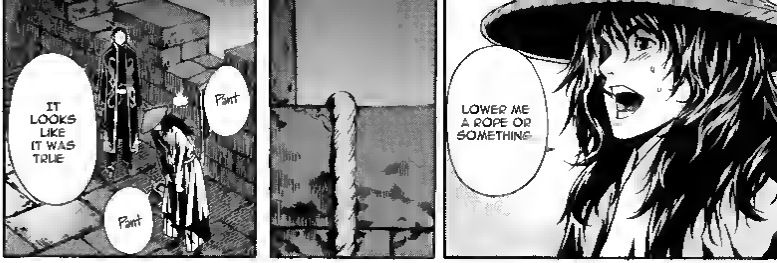
OUT OF ALL OUR FORMER COMRADES, ONLY YEONG SIL STILL REMAINS IN JUSHIN'S SERVICE
ALL THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN THROWN OUT OF THE MILITARY OR EXECUTED FOR TREASON.

THAT AOI TAE YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT—
IF HE REALLY DOES EXIST,
I'M WILLING TO HELP YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN.
AND THE ONE WHO CARRIED OUT THOSE EXECUTIONS WAS YEONG SIL.
HE'S NOT THE SAME PERSON HE USED TO BE IF HE SEES YOU, HIS ONLY THOUGHT WILL BE TO CAPTURE YOU
IF I GET CAPTURED, IT WILL BE EVEN EASIER FOR ME TO SEE AOI TAE
NO PROBLEM THEN
WHAT?
WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT I'LL HELP YOU SNEAK INTO THE PALACE
REGARDLESS, ISN'T YOUR REAL GOAL TO MEET THE KING?

I'LL HANDLE THIS ON MY OWN!
DON'T BOTHER! I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!
I JUST MIGHT FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU GO AND MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOTICED
YOU IDIOT!
There's a first-class traitor here!
Hey, over here!

THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE THE PALACE WALLS ARE THE LOWEST.
IN ALL OF THE CITY,

YOU CAN COME UP NOW


IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS TRUE
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LOWER ME A ROPE OR SOMETHING

I HEARD YOU HAD SACRIFICED YOUR HEALTH FOR KYE WOL HYANG
AND THAT YOU WOULDN'T SURVIVE LONG
CONSIDERING HOW LONG AGO YOU CONTRACTED IT,
YOU SHOULD HAVE DIED BY NOW
IF THAT REALLY IS KYE WOL HYANG'S ILLNESS
STILL IT'S STRANGE
EH? ARE YOU ENVIOUS?
IF YOU'D LIKE, I COULD INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME VERY USEFUL MAGIC
SO, GENERAL,
WHY ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?

?
WHO GOES THERE?
I SAVED US SOME TROUBLE BY KILLING HIM.
HEY! YOU SHOULDN'T BRAG ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

AH, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER MUCH, DOES IT?
AFTER ALL HE'S JUST ONE AMONG A COUNTLESS NUMBER OF SOLDIERS

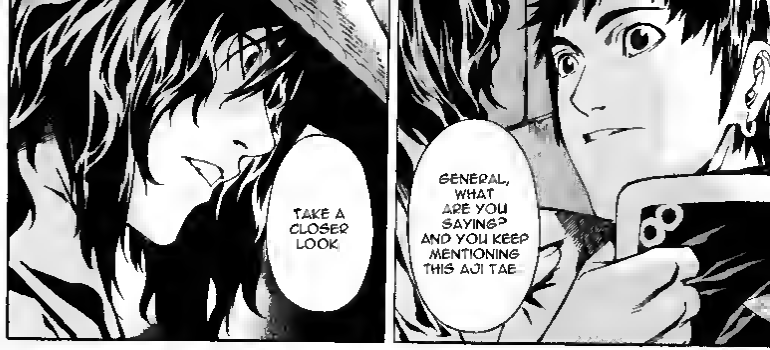
OVER THERE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HIS MAJESTY
IT'S ONLY BEEN FOUR SHORT YEARS...
HOW DIFFERENT THE WORLD HAS BECOME

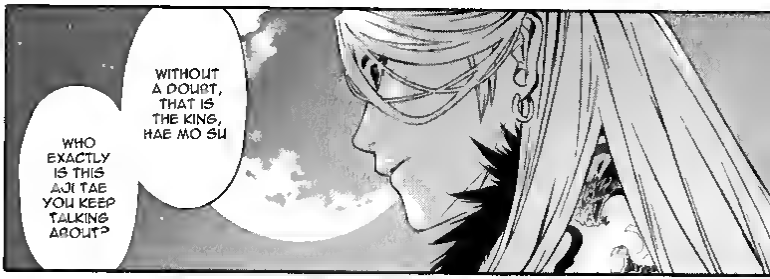
KICKING ME IN THE BUTT SO HARD LIKE THAT

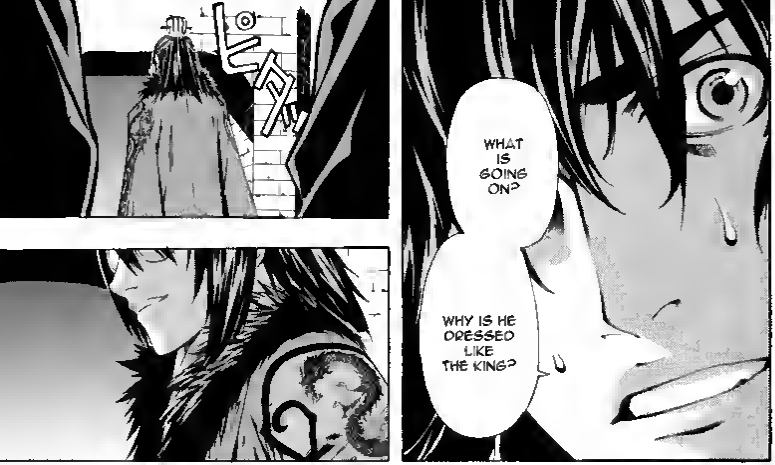
I CAN FINALLY SEE HIM AGAIN
REALLY? AFTER ALL THIS TROUBLE...

WHY ARE YOU STILL JOKING AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
THAT ISN'T HAE MO SU'
ISN'T THAT HIM OVER THERE
THE ONE WEARING THE ROYAL ROBES
HEY, WON SUL,
WHERE DID YOU SAY HE IS?

AJI TAE!
THAT IS...


TAKE A CLOSER LOOK
GENERAL, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? AND YOU KEEP MENTIONING THIS AJI TAE


WITHOUT A DOUBT, THAT IS THE KING, HAE MO SU
WHO EXACTLY IS THIS AJI TAE YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT?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WHAT IS GOING ON?
WHY IS HE DRESSED LIKE THE KING?

THERE ARE INTRUDERS
WHO GOES THERE?!

I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING I NEED TO INVESTIGATE THAT FIRST!
WE'LL CALL IT OFF FOR TODAY!
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO SEE HIS MAJESTY?
DAMN! RUN, WON SUL

WELL, I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO GO.

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GENERAL MUNSU...
DID YOU REALLY GO IN THERE ALONE?
THAT SMOKE SIGNAL...
IS USED WHEN THERE ARE INTRUDERS IN THE PALACE

IF YOU HAD IMPLICATED ME AS AN ACCOMPLICE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN REALLY BAD
YOU MANAGED TO ESCAPE EVEN AFTER YOU GOT ROUGHED UP LIKE THIS

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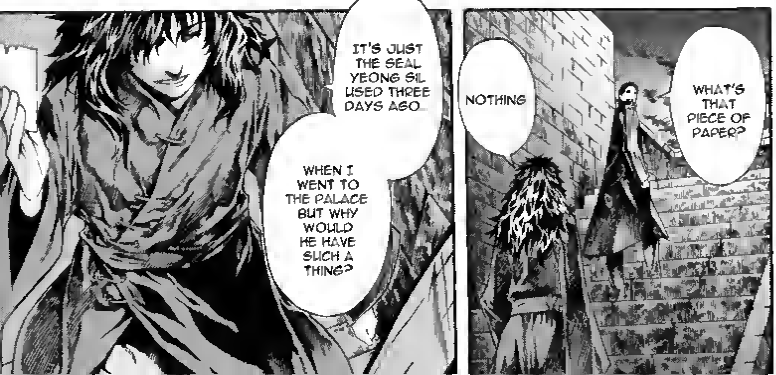
I IMBUED THE WORDS I WROTE WITH MAGIC TO CREATE A SEAL.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MUNSU? AREN'T I GOOD?
YAHHH!
HEH HEH, TRY TOUCHING IT.
OH? THEN HOW COME IT LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY PIECE OF PAPER TO ME?
THESE SEALS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE ANGYO ONSHI
I WANT TO USE THIS KIND OF THING TO DEFEAT EVILDOERS ISN'T THAT GREAT?
A PERFECT ILLUSION LIKE THAT WILL CATCH OUR OPPONENTS OFF-GUARD
IT WORKED THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN
WHENEVER THEY'RE USED,
JUSTICE WILL BE SERVED...

...AND MAKE OUR COUNTRY OF JUSHIN...
BEAUTIFUL, MORE PERFECT PLACE TO LIVE
GENERAL EVERYONE IS READY AND WAITING


IT'S JUST THE SEAL YEONG SIL USED THREE DAYS AGO...
WHEN I WENT TO THE PALACE BUT WHY WOULD HE HAVE SUCH A THING?
NOTHING
WHAT'S THAT PIECE OF PAPER?

TODAY'S MISSION IS JUST TO SATISFY A WHIM ON MY PART
YOU HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THAT, THEN YOU MAY LEAVE NO ONE WILL STOP YOU
..LET ME EXPLAIN..
I'M NOT COMPLETELY SERIOUS ABOUT STARTING A REBELLION
EVEN IF WE'RE SUCCESSFUL, THERE WILL BE NO PRIZES OR REWARDS
INSTEAD, YOU WILL BE BRANDED AS TRAITORS
DO YOU MIND THAT?

WE'RE NOT FOOLS.
THIS MISSION IS A BURDEN ON EACH OF US, AND ON THOSE WE WANT TO PROTECT
BUT SINCE IT WAS A REQUEST, NOT IN ORDER, FROM THE LEGENDARY GENERAL, WE CONSIDER IT A GREAT HONOR.
WE NEED NO OTHER REASON TO FIGHT.
JUSHIN HAS BECOME AN UNBEARABLE PLACE TO LIVE
BUT WE TOO BELIEVE...
.....
LET'S GO!
CAPTURE THE IMPOSTOR...
WHO IS DRESSED AS THE KING.

MUNSU
IS COMING
YEONG SIL, YOU REALLY DISAPPOINTED ME LAST TIME
YOU LET HIM ESCAPE EVEN THOUGH I GAVE YOU MY ILLUSION SEAL.
DON'T WORRY, YOUR MAJESTY
THIS TIME I WON'T BE DISGUISED AS ONE OF HIS COMRADES
INSTEAD, I'LL BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN HIS LIFE AND REALLY MAKE HIM SUFFER
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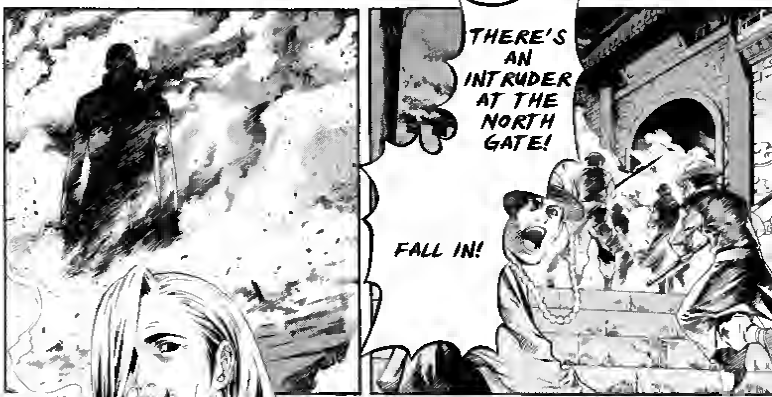
I'VE ALSO MOBILIZED THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS...
TO GREET HIM WHEN HE MAKES HIS ENTRANCE.
HE WILL FIND...
THERE WILL BE NO ESCAPE FOR HIM.

WHAT I WISH FOR ISN'T HIS DEATH
WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SEE
IS THAT MAN SUFFERING— JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS—
FROM CONFUSION AND SELF-DOUBT.


THERE'S AN INTRUDER AT THE NORTH GATE!
FALL IN!

AH, WHAT'S GOING ON?
ACCORDING TO THE LAST REPORT, ONLY MUNSU WAS ON HIS WAY TO ATTACK

I HEARD...
YEONG SIL RECENTLY USED MY FORM TO TRICK GENERAL MUNSU
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY DOING THIS?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. RETURN TO YOUR POST AT ONCE. WE'RE DEALING WITH INTRUDERS RIGHT NOW.
WHY ARE YOU HERE, WON SUL-RANG OF THE HWARANG?

BRING YEONG SIL HERE RIGHT NOW
HE HAS SULLIED MY GOOD NAME

BY THE WAY
I'VE ALWAYS HATED THE LOOK OF THIS COURTYARD
ARE YOU REBELLING?!
WON SUL, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
HAVE YOU GONE INSANE?
.....
AS LONG AS YOU'RE GETTING YEONG SIL,
YOU SHOULD BRING ALONG THE GROUNDS-KEEPER AS WELL

FORWARD!!

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MUNSU?

TOO BAD,
BUT THAT ISN'T MUNSU.

IT'S PROBABLY WON SIL.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IS HE SUDDENLY ATTACKING NOW?
.....
KYE WOL HYANG, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
YOU. HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR, OF COURSE

BUT I LOCKED THE FRONT DOOR!
.....
.....
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, EXACTLY?

I'VE ONLY CHANGED MY OUTWARD APPEARANCE A BIT
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE SOME KIND OF MONSTER..
WHO..
JUST WHO ARE YOU?

AHHH!
GAHH!!
WAAAHH!!
RELYING ON SHEER NUMBERS DOESN'T SEEM TO WORK WITH HIM.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

I HAVEN'T REACHED MY CURRENT POSITION BY RELYING ON BRUTE FORCE ALONE. I AM THE GRAND MARSHALL OF JUSHIN
WE STILL HAVE SOME OPTIONS, EVEN IF HE'S A SUPPOSED GENIUS WITH THE SWORD,
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S ONE HUNDRED OR ONE THOUSAND. GET EVERY SINGLE SOLDIER TO ATTACK HIM!
ATTENTION ALL BRIGADES! GATHER ALL AVAILABLE SOLDIERS HERE!
THIS IS THE WAY TO ACHIEVE VICTORY!
I WANT THAT STUPID SWORDSMAN TO UNDERSTAND..

AHHHH!
GO AWAY!
HAE MO SU, DON'T COME ANY CLOSER

NO, YOU'RE WRONG!
NOT THIS YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, KYE WOL HYANG?
AREN'T WE HUSBAND AND WIFE?
AGAIN... YOU'RE SAYING IT AGAIN.
I JUST HAPPENED TO THINK OF YOU WHILE I WAS IN MY OFFICE, SO I FLEW HERE TO BE WITH YOU.

WON SUL, I HAVE A REQUEST.

IT'S NOT JUST YOU. THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHO AOI TAE IS, EITHER.
IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, I'VE VISITED MANY OLD COMRADES
I'M GOING TO ENTER THE PALACE AGAIN
...NO IN THESE FEW SHORT DAYS, EVEN MORE OF OUR COUNTRYMEN HAVE BEEN SLAUGHTERED.
YET NOT ONE PERSON ADMITS TO EVER SEEING AOI TAE, AND I HAVEN'T FOUND ANY EVIDENCE THAT HE EXISTS AT ALL.
THAT THE MAN I SAW IN THE PALACE WASN'T HAE MO SU— IT WAS CLEARLY AOI TAE?
THE MORE I LEARNED, THE MORE CONFUSED I BECAME. WHY WAS IT....

IT S AS IF THIS KING
HAS BEEN TRAPPED IN AN ILLUSION CREATED BY A WILY FOX AND HAS GONE MAD
I WANT TO GO TO THE PALACE AGAIN
AND DISCOVER THE TRUE IDENTITY OF OUR KING
SO, YOU WANT ME TO GO WITH YOU?
NO,
I WANT YOU TO CREATE A DISTRACTION
THIS TIME MY GOAL ISN T JUST TO SEE THE KING
I—
IF I HAVE TO I'M PREPARED TO OVERTHROW THAT FOOL.

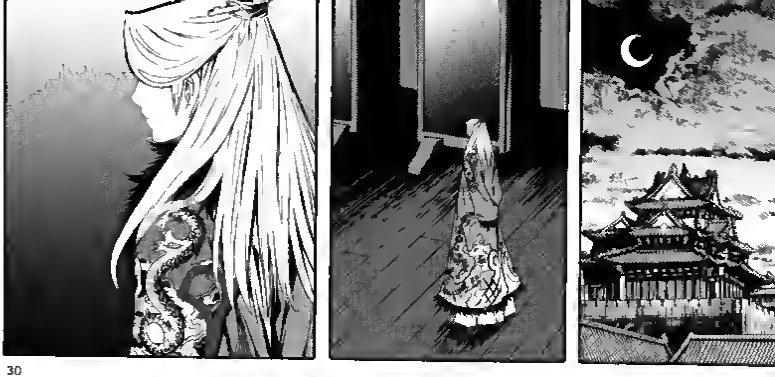
YOU KNOW HOW TIGHT THE SECURITY IS AROUND THE PALACE.
FURTHERMORE, OUR GOAL ISN'T MERELY TO ASSASSINATE THE KING, BUT TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT.
AND WHEN ALL THE SOLDIERS ARE FOCUSED ON YOU...
I WILL ENTER THE PALACE AND CONFRONT THE KING!
THAT MEANS WE'LL HAVE TO PURGE ALL THE HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS CLOSE TO THE KING.
THAT'S SOMETHING THE TWO OF US WON'T BE ABLE TO DO. FIGHTING OUR WAY INTO THE PALACE WOULD BE TOO DIFFICULT.
IN SHORT, YOU'LL HAVE TO CREATE A DIVERSION...

HUFF.
HUFF.

WHY AM I RISKING EVERYTHING FOR YOU?
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SHOW SO MUCH TRUST IN ME?
LISTEN TO YOUR FOOLISH PLAN?
WHY
DID I

AS THE DIVERSION, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF EVERYBODY
DON'T YOU DARE DIE ON ME, WON SUK!

RETURN TO SEE YOU!
BECAUSE I WILL DEFINITELY...



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WHO IS IT?
HAVE YOU COME TO LEARN MY IDENTITY?
HMPH...
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU SAW THROUGH MY SCHEME
I GUESS WON SIL'S EFFORTS WILL ALL BE FOR NOTHING

STOP THE ACT YEONG SIL.
DON'T THINK YOU CAN TRICK ME A SECOND TIME.
MUNSU!
WHY ARE YOU...?

I'VE MADE ALL THE PREPARATIONS TO WELCOME YOU.
BUT TODAY'S PARTY WILL BE MUCH MORE EXCITING THAN THE LAST ONE.
YOU SAW THROUGH IT IMMEDIATELY.
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THE KING—
NO AJI TAE WHERE IS HE?
OR SO THEY SAY...
BUT THAT LEVEL OF POWER DOESN'T COMPARE TO THE ABSOLUTENESS OF THE POWER HE HAS.
THE POWER OF SCIENCE IS CERTAINLY IMPRESSIVE
IT CAN PUT SUCH FIREPOWER IN THE HANDS OF ORDINARY SOLDIERS.
DID YOU HEAR ME? I AM ASKING YOU WHERE AJI TAE IS!
AND WHERE IS HAE MO SU WHILE AJI TAE IS IMPERSONATING HIM?
ONCE YOU EXPERIENCE IT, YOU'LL REALIZE IT, TOO!
WHEN YOU FACE HIS ABSOLUTE POWER, YOU'LL BE IMPRESSED. NO, RATHER YOU'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BE IMPRESSED.

YOU ALREADY SAW WHAT IT CAN DO
SO WHY DO YOU STILL REFUSE TO BELIEVE YOU SAW THE KING?
LISTEN CAREFULLY, GENERAL
GENERAL MUNSU, YOU HAVE A STRANGE WAY OF THINKING
THE ILLUSION SEAL I JUST USED CAN BE USED TO IMPERSONATE ANYBODY YOU KNOW THAT WELL

THE REASON NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT AOI TAE...
IS BECAUSE THAT LITTLE GUY WITH GLASSES NEVER EXISTED
WHAT?
.....
WHAT'S WRONG? CONFUSED?
WELL, DON'T WORRY I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A CLEAR REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR IT ALL.

LONG TIME NO SEE, MUNSU.
YOU...!
HEE MO SU!

WHY ARE YOU SO SURPRISED, MUNSU?

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IS IT BECAUSE OF THIS?
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YOU ALL SAW THAT, RIGHT?
WHO...
STOP USING THAT FOOLISH MAGIC TO PLAY AROUND WITH PEOPLE'S MINDS,
ARE YOU REALLY?
...OI TAE...
OR...
ARE YOU HAE MO SUP

JUST A MOMENT AGO, YOU WERE RENT ON VERBALLY ABUSING ME
WHAT HAS GIVEN YOU PAUSE, MUNSU?

I DECIDE WHO I AM THAT'S RIGHT,
I CAN CHANGE MYSELF INTO WHOMEVER I WANT

EVERY-BODY STAY CALM!!! DO NOT FIRE!!

WHO...

ARE YOU?

AHH!
GREAT!
HE'S DOWN!

GET HIM!!

!
YOU WERE CAUSING SUCH A LARGE DISTURBANCE IT WAS TOO DIFFICULT TO IGNORE
PLEASE DON'T MISUNDER-STAND

I HADN'T PLANNED TO GET MYSELF INVOLVED I HAVE NO MOTIVE TO FIGHT

WON HYO! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
ARE YOU REBELLING, TOO?
BUT SINCE YOU ARE AN OLD COMRADE OF MINE...
I CHANGED MY MIND.
GET OUT OF MY SIGHT.
YOU COLD-BLOODED MONSTER!
AT THIS MOMENT I AM REALLY REALLY ANGRY.
COUNTLESS PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T "BEAUTIFUL."
IT MIGHT BE AN ORDER FROM THE KING,
BUT THERE IS NO NEED TO SLAUGHTER SO INDISCRIMINATELY

YET SOMEHOW, I APPROVE OF THOSE LOFTY GOALS.
SO RIGHT NOW, MY TEMPER IS VERY UNBALANCED
10
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
BRIGADE, ASSEMBLE!
ALL OF YOU, BE HONEST WITH YOUR-SELVES!
YOU CAN NO LONGER CLAIM YOU'RE MERELY FOLLOWING ORDERS

IT'S REALLY BECAUSE YOU LONG TO BE FILLED WITH THOSE POWERFUL EMOTIONS AGAIN
BECAUSE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU FELT THAT WAY

THERE'S NO NEED TO ARGUE OVER RIGHT AND WRONG
BECAUSE IN THIS DAY AND AGE, AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS IS HARD TO COME BY, SO LET'S ENJOY IT!
AND I FEEL EXACTLY THE SAME.

EUL PASO?
ARE YOU JOINING IN THIS, TOO?!
FOR NOW, YES I'LL SAY I WAS WON SUL'S COMRADE, TOO
AND NO, IT'S NOT JUST ME!
IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER TO US IF WE HAVE A MOTIVE OR NOT
HOWEVER, I DISAGREE WITH SOMETHING WON HYO SAID JUST A MOMENT AGO
IF WE CAN JUST ONCE MORE...
DEAL DEATH IN ALL DIRECTIONS IN THE MIDST OF A PITCHED BATTLE, THAT IS REASON ENOUGH
YOU BASTARDS WANT TO START A FIGHT INSIDE THE PALACE WALLS?
FINE THEN I'LL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DESTROY THIS REBELLION AT ITS ROOT
ATTACK!!

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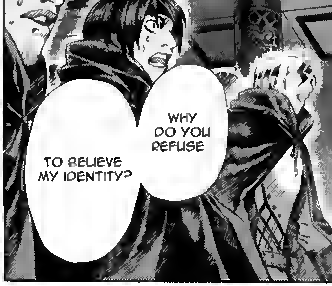
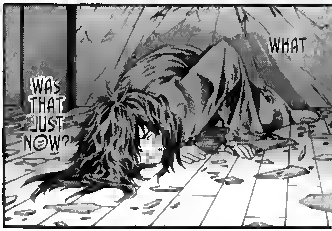
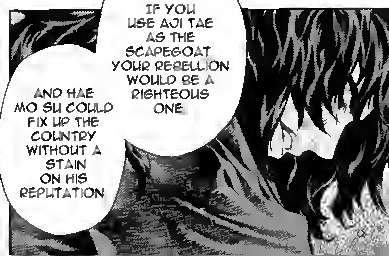
YES, YOU MIGHT BE HOPING
THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT POLICIES WEREN T SANCTIONED BY HAE MO SU HIMSELF


WHY DO YOU REFUSE
TO RELIEVE MY IDENTITY?

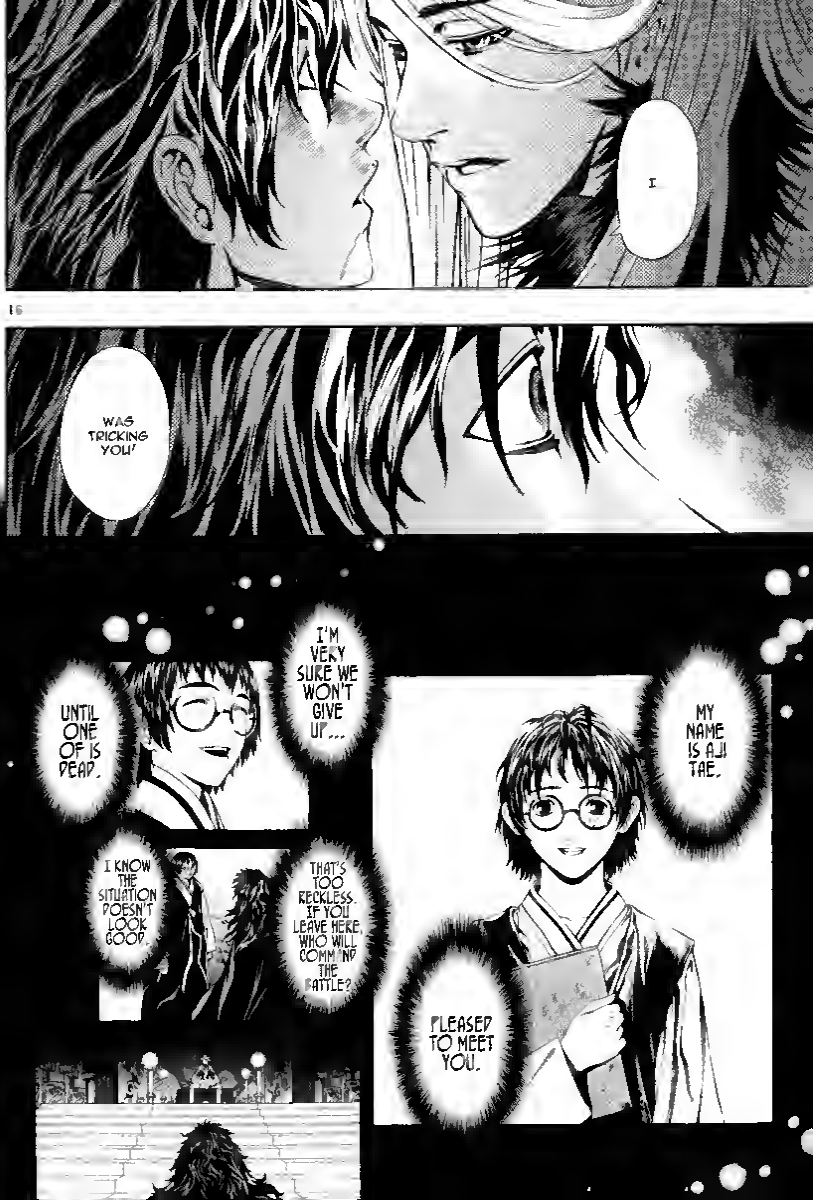

WHAT
WAS THAT JUST NOW?

TO PUT ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY ON AJI TAE?
BUT ISN'T IT A LITTLE UNFAIR

THE CONSEQUENCES FOR MY LOYAL SERVANT AJI TAE
BUT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER...


IF YOU USE AJI TAE AS THE SCAPEGOAT YOUR REBELLION WOULD BE A RIGHTEOUS ONE
AND HAE MO SU COULD FIX UP THE COUNTRY WITHOUT A STAIN ON HIS REPUTATION

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
BOTH OF THEM ARE ME
AJI TAE NEVER REALLY EXISTED
WHETHER I AM AJI TAE...
WHETHER I AM HAE MO SU..
BOTH OF THEM ARE ME!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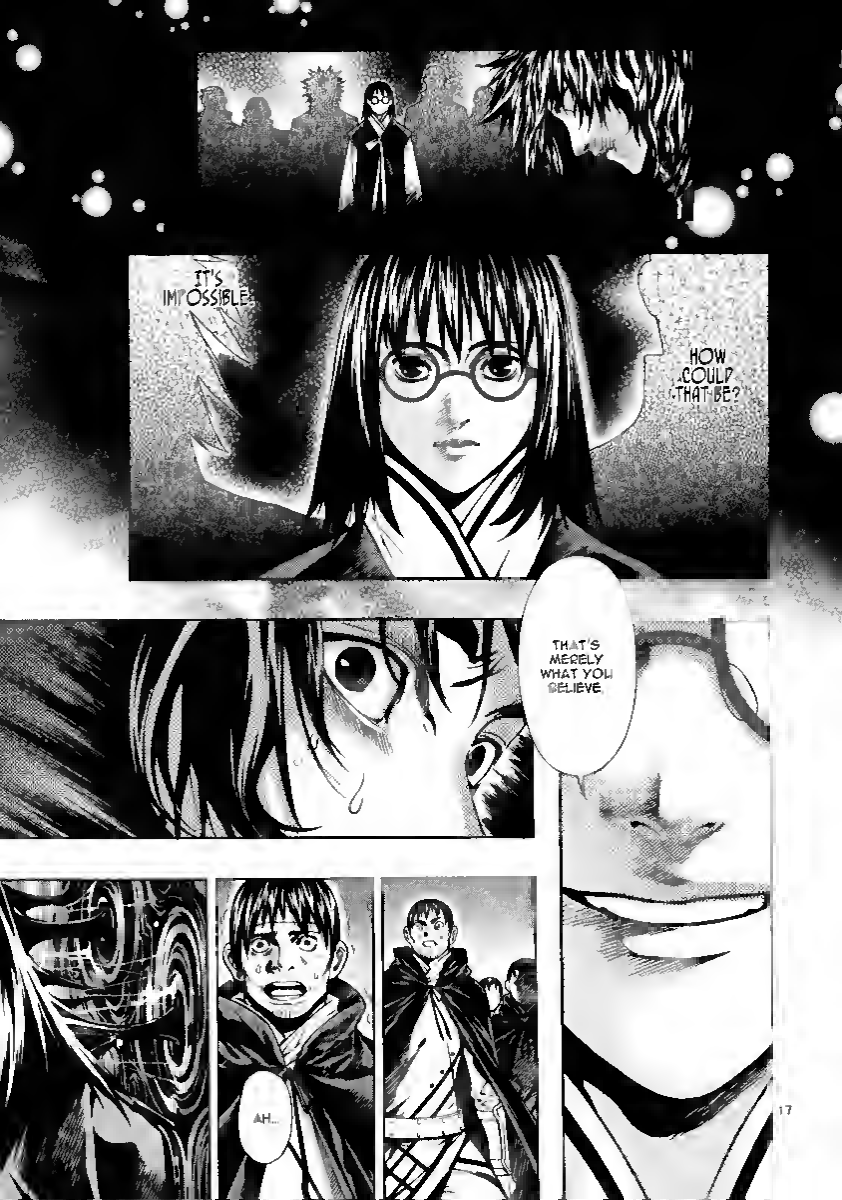
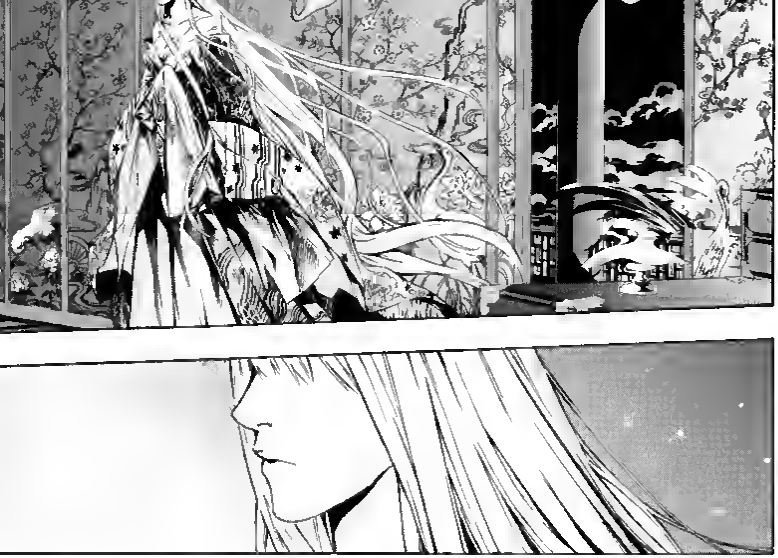
WAS TRICKING YOU?
MY NAME IS AJI TAE.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
I'M VERY SURE WE WON'T GIVE UP...
UNTIL ONE OF IS DEAD.
THAT'S TOO RECKLESS. IF YOU LEAVE HERE, WHO WILL COMMAND THE BATTLE?
I KNOW THE SITUATION DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.

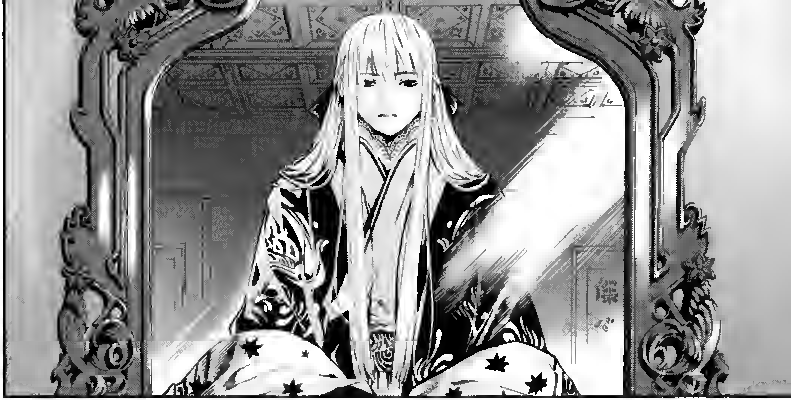

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
HOW COULD THAT BE?
THAT'S MERELY WHAT YOU BELIEVE.
AH...

WAHHHH!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

WHY IS
YOUR UNDERSTANDING LIMITED TO THAT WHICH SEEMS REASONABLE?
THIS THING CALLED COMMON SENSE...
ONLY LIMITS WHAT MANKIND CAN COMPREHEND.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY?
WHILE I WAS ORIGINALLY JUST ONE,
YOU STARTED TREATING ME LIKE TWO SEPARATE PEOPLE—
JUST LIKE MAKING THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHAT IS BLACK AND WHAT IS WHITE...





DO YOU STILL REMEMBER?
MUNSU...

YOU WOULD ALWAYS WATCH OVER ME.
YOU SAID...

THOSE WORDS WERE TRULY FROM YOUR HEART, RIGHT?

ARE YOU SAYING YOU TWO ARE JUST ONE PERSON?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT SEEING THE TWO OF YOU IS JUST MY IMAGINATION?
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STOP SAYING SUCH NONSENSE!
DID I SAY THAT?
THAT'S MERELY WHAT YOU THINK I SAID
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU ABOUT THIS NONSENSE!!
NO... YES? FINE...
LET'S SUPPOSE YOU ARE ONE PERSON...
EVEN THOUGH THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE
WHICH ONE DOESN'T MATTER!
WHY DID YOU WANT TO TRICK ME?
WHY SET UP SUCH AN EL BORATE PLOT?

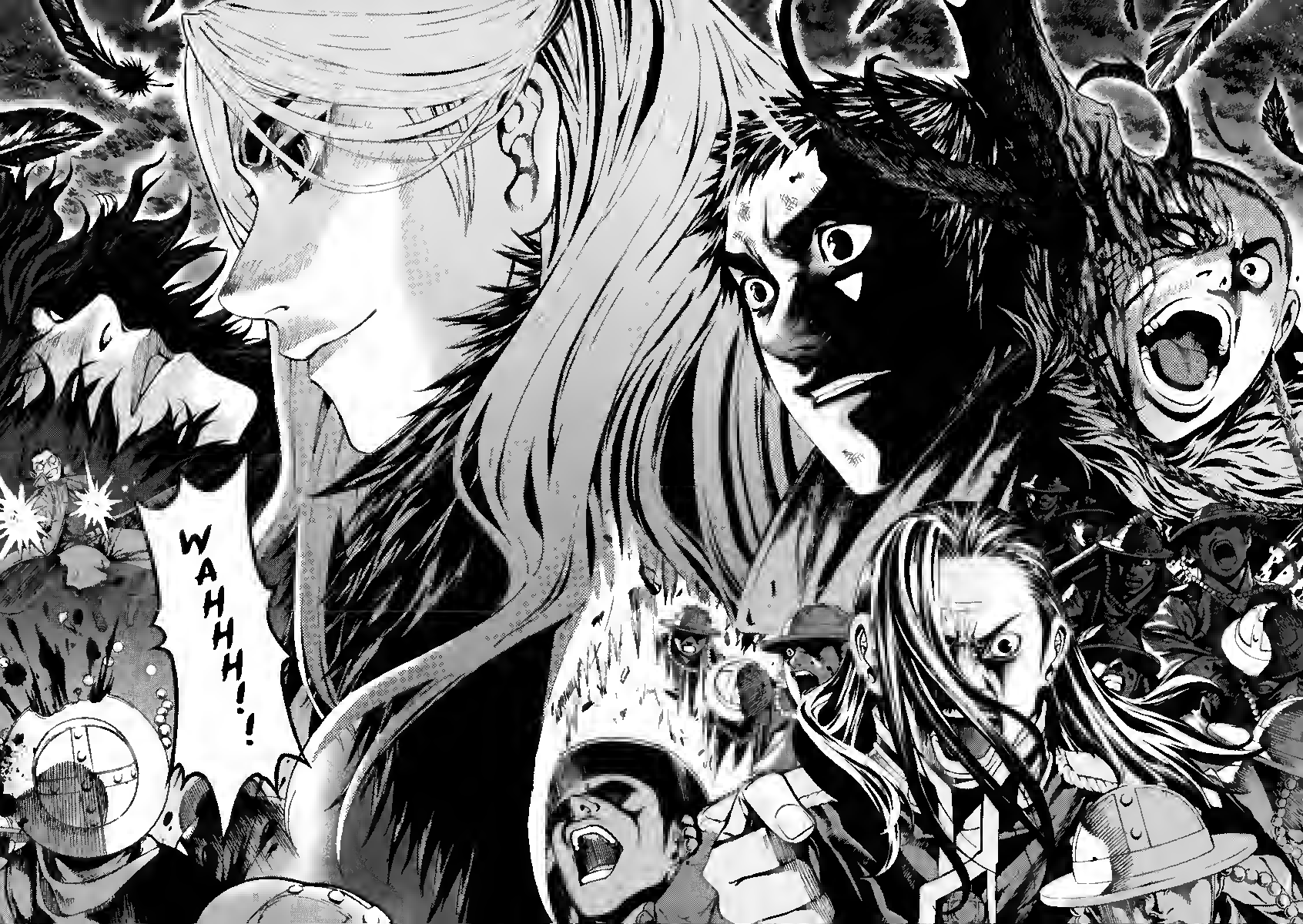
AND WHY TRICK EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE WORLD?
DID YOU HAVE TO DO THAT?
AND WHY HAVE YOU BECOME SO DIFFERENT ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
BOTH OF YOU!!

IF JUST A FEW PIECES ARE REMOVED FROM THE FOUNDATION, EVEN THE STOUTEST WALL
WILL COME CRASHING DOWN

SINCE I HAVE SUCH AN INTERESTING GAME TO PLAY,
WHY NOT FIND ANOTHER WALL AND PLAY IT AGAIN?
AND THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT
THERE WAS NO SPECIAL REASON.
NOW THEN, LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION, MUNSU.
WHICH ONE?
WHO DO YOU BELIEVE I AM RIGHT NOW?
THIS GUY IS...

...DEFINITELY NOT HAE MO SU.
AJI TAE OR HAE MO SU...
WHICH ONE DO YOU WISH ME TO BE?
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH MY DEAREST FRIEND?
WHERE HAVE YOU HIDDEN HIM, AJI TAE?

WHO IS...
AJI TAE?


WAHHH!!

AHH...

YOUR MAJESTY!

YOU SAW IT, TOO? I WAS CURIOUS—
BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT!
THERE SEEMED TO BE SOMEBODY STANDING BESIDE THE KING
BUT JUST A MOMENT AGO, WHO DID GENERAL MUNSU THINK HIS MAJESTY WAS?
WE WERE LED TO BELIEVE THERE WAS SOMEONE DISGUISED AS THE KING
PLEASE FORGIVE US

BECAUSE IF HE ISN'T REALLY THE KING, WE'RE DEAD!

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WAHHH!!!
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!

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WHAT SHOULD I DO?

DON'T DISTURB HIM
WHEN HE WAKES UP AGAIN...
HE, TOO, WILL CHANGE HIS MIND

AND THEN, NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE MY GRASP
THAT WAY, I WILL HAVE BECOME THE REAL HAE MO SU

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DON'T TOUCH MUNSU!
MEOW?

RIGHT NOW, MUNSU'S MIND IS IN A VERY UNSTABLE STATE.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF ANYBODY ON THE OUTSIDE DISTURBS HIM.
YOU PROBABLY IMAGINED IT.
MUNSU ISN'T EVEN BREATHING. HOW COULD HE HAVE MOVED?
B-BUT...
HE MOVED JUST A MINUTE AGO.

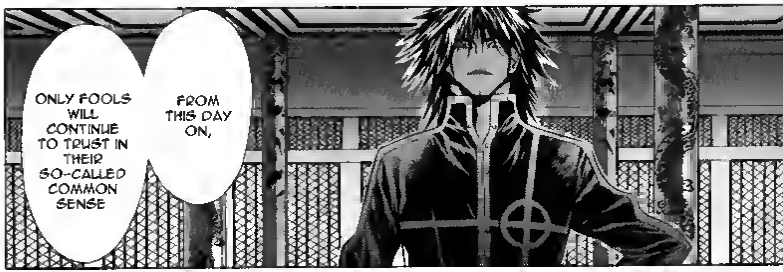
OF COURSE, BUT...

GENERAL MUNSU, IF YOU DIE, WE'LL ALL BE IN TROUBLE
YOU HAVE TO WAKE UP SOON AND LEAD THE RESISTANCE

DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT YOU WOULD REALIZE THE TRUTH SOON?
WHETHER HE'S LORD AJI TAE OR KING HAE MO SU ISN'T IMPORTANT

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS WHAT THOSE TWO, WHEN COMBINED AS ONE,
WISH TO ACCOMPLISH

I BELIEVE
THAT YOU, TOO, WILL BE DESTROYED BY HIM
THE MASTER HAS CONSTANTLY BEEN SHOWING OFF HIS POWER TO ME,
SO I KNOW NOT EVEN SCIENCE CAN COMPARE TO HIS ABSOLUTE POWER.


ONLY FOOLS WILL CONTINUE TO TRUST IN THEIR SO-CALLED COMMON SENSE
FROM THIS DAY ON,

COMMON SENSE

YEONG SIL?!
HEY... WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, YEONG SIL?
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?

YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY HURT, ARE YOU?
NO, THAT DOESN'T MATTER RIGHT NOW.
USELESS... SO POWER-LESS?
DAMN... DAMN IT... WHY AM I SO...
IT WAS ALL...
AJI TAE'S...
THE PIRANSEOK-HWA
I COULDN'T FIND...

SU, MOVE ASIDE!
YEONG SIL!!
YEONG SIL!
WAIT A MINUTE, ISN'T THIS BANG JA?
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ELDER, THE LITTLE GUY—

HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER.
OSA-SAMA!
IT APPEARS
HE STOPPED BREATHING A LONG TIME AGO.

I,
BANG JA...

WILL DEFINITELY
REVIVE YOU!

YOU'RE RIGHT
HIS BODY IS ALREADY STIFF
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU,
YOUNG ONES?

WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS DEPARTING FOR HEAVEN BEFORE THIS OLD SET OF BONES?

SHALL I GO IN FIRST?

MISS HWANG! LOOK OVER THERE!

IT'S AJI TAE
JUST LIKE ALL THE TERRIBLE RUMORS YOU'VE HEARD—

IT'S NOT THAT SURPRISING
WHAT IS THAT?!

HE WANTS...
TO UNDO ALL OF MANKIND.
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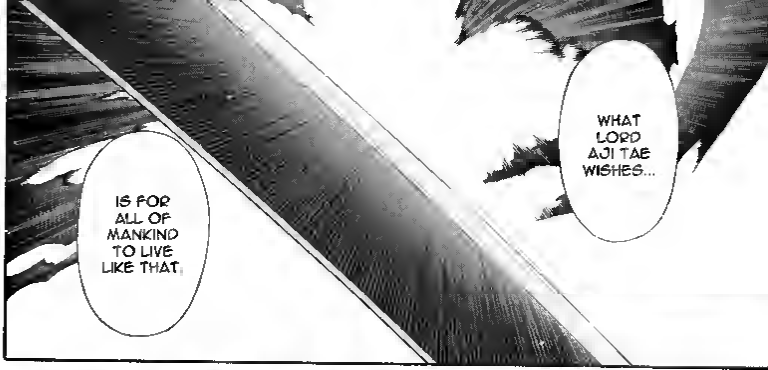
DOES LORD AOI TAE WANT TO CREATE?
WHAT KIND OF WORLD

AOI TAE SEEMED TO LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW WORLD.
BEFORE, WHEN JUSHIN STILL EXISTED,

IN THE BEGINNING, MANKIND'S EXISTENCE WAS AS PURE AS A BLANK PIECE OF PAPER
AJI TAE'S DESIRES FOR THIS WORLD ARE VERY SIMPLE.
ONLY MANKIND HAS "SELF-AWARENESS",
AND THEY EXPERIENCE ALL THE SUFFERING THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE BE SPARED.
IN THE ANIMAL WORLD, THE STRONG PREYING ON THE WEAK IS JUST A MATTER OF FACT.
PLANTS DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PAIN OF DEATH THEY FLOWER AND WILT IN AN ENDLESS CYCLE
MYO WOL, HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT FREEDOM IS?
HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO TEACH MANKIND ABOUT THIS FACT
LORD AJI TAE'S GOAL...

TRUE FREEDOM
COMES FROM COMPLETE IGNORANCE.
MANKIND WILL BE FREE ONCE IT IS LIBERATED FROM THE CURSE OF "SELF-AWARENESS".
AND CAN LIVE IN A WORLD WITH WONDERFUL, SUPERNATURAL "FREEDOM".


WHAT LORD AJI TAE WISHES...
IS FOR ALL OF MANKIND TO LIVE LIKE THAT.

IN THE VULGAR LANGUAGE OF MANKIND,
HE WANTS TO MAKE EVERYONE INTO A DEMON.

TEARING APART ALL CIVILIZATION, MAKING THIS INTO A WORLD OF EQUALS
FOR MANY SUCH AN OUTCOME WOULDN'T BE ALL THAT BAD COMPARED TO THE CURRENT WORLD
TO MAKE ALL OF MANKIND...
INTO DEMONS?
IS IT REALLY THAT EASY TO CHANGE MANKIND?
HAVEN'T YOU ALREADY SEEN IT HAPPEN?
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WEREN'T YOU MUNSU'S BODYGUARD WHEN WE FIRST MET?
WHAT IS THAT?
I SEE...
IF THAT IS THE CASE...

ELDER, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU LEFT THIS PLACE.
AT MY CURRENT SKILL LEVEL THERE IS NO WAY I CAN FEND OFF BOTH OF THEM.
HUH?!
HAPKI!!

ROARRR!!

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I WILL NOT ALLOW IT,
MAKING A MESS OF MY HOME—
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SANDO

THEY WERE ONCE YOUR COMPANIONS
WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS UN-ACCEPTABLE
EVEN BY-STANDERS COULD FEEL THE KILLING INTENT
IN THAT LAST SWING OF YOUR SWORD
EVEN AJI TAE CAN'T MAKE YOU COMPLETELY FORGET THOSE BONDS
OPEN YOUR EYES, SANDO!
THAT'S YOUR REAL MASTER OVER THERE!

WHAT HE WARNED ME ABOUT IS TRUE
27
WHICH HIDE SHARP DAGGERS
AN EVIL MAN WOULD TEMPT ME WITH WORDS..
DO IT!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
LORD AJI TAE HAS ORDERED THEIR DESTRUC-TION
MEOW?!

IF YOU HESITATE, I WILL DO IT MYSELF
29
THEY DO NOT HAVE SOME PROFOUNDLY POWERFUL TECHNIQUE
EVEN YOUR CURRENT LEVEL OF HWAN LING WOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH.
TAE YU,
.....
ELDER, WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING?

TAKE MUNSU AND THE OTHERS
I WILL TAKE CARE OF THESE PEOPLE
AND LEAVE THIS PLACE, TAE YU
AFTER I TEACH THEM A GOOD LESSON, I WILL CATCH UP WITH YOU
IF YOU DON'T HEED THE WORDS OF WISE OLD MEN,
YOU'LL PAY FOR IT!

THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO HAS A CHANCE OF DEFEATING AJI TAE...
TAE YU, HURRY UP AND LEAVE
31
AND THAT IS MUNSU
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ATTACK

THAT SO MANY PEOPLE THINK MUNSU IS THEIR ONLY HOPE?
WHY IS IT...
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IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION WHEN WE KNOW WE WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE NO MATTER HOW HARD WE STRUGGLE WE ALL GET REALLY FRUSTRATED
DON'T BE SO ANGRY, MISS HWANG
DO YOU REALLY THINK MUNSU WILL FIND A WAY?
WHY DO YOU LOOK ONLY TO HIM?
BUT...
MUNSU IS DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF US
ISN'T HE YOUR ENEMY, EUL PASO?
WHEN EVERYONE ELSE FELL UNDER AJI TAE'S SPELL...
AT THE TIME OF JUSHIN'S DESTRUC-TION

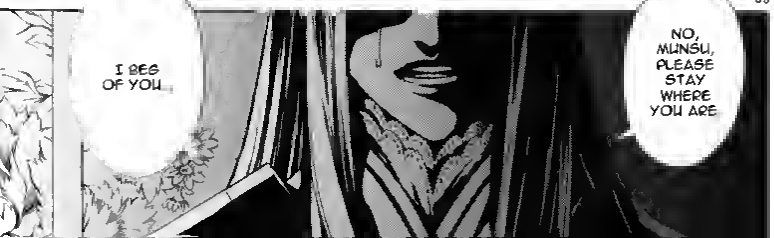
...ONLY HE...
WASN'T TRICKED.
WHERE AM I?

SLOOP?

WHO IS IT?

STILL ALIVE.
YOU REALLY ARE...

KYE WOL HYANG?


I BEG OF YOU...
NO, MUNSU, PLEASE STAY WHERE YOU ARE

AS A FAVOR TO ME...
I BEG OF YOU...

I CAN'T RUN AWAY AND LEAVE YOU BEHIND, ELDER!
I CAN'T DO SUCH A SHAMEFUL THING.

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IT'S A SHAME, BUT...

LOGICALLY, A PERSON WHO HAS ALREADY DIED
CANNOT DIE A SECOND TIME

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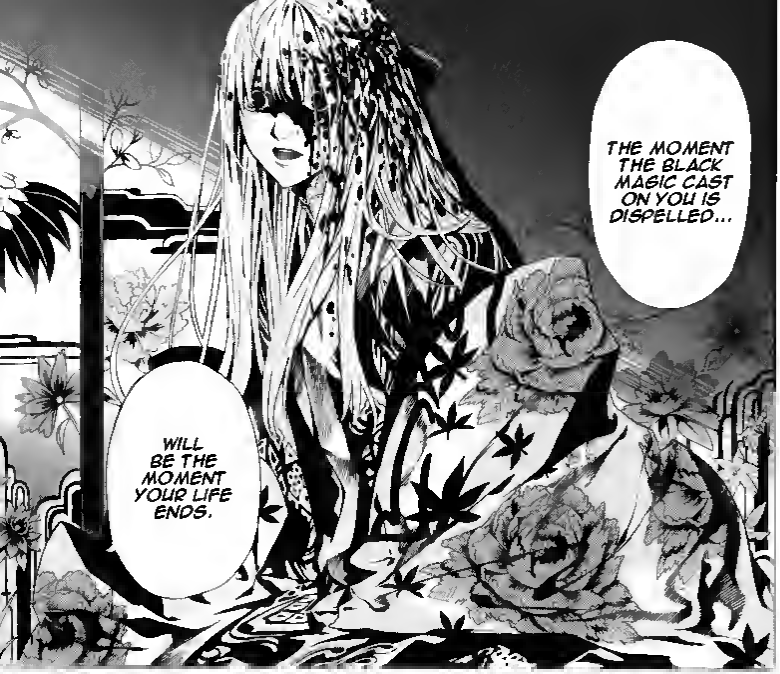
WHEN YOU SAW YOUR BODY SLOWLY DECAYING.
DIDN'T YOU REALIZE IT?


THE MOMENT THE BLACK MAGIC CAST ON YOU IS DISPELLED...
WILL BE THE MOMENT YOUR LIFE ENDS.

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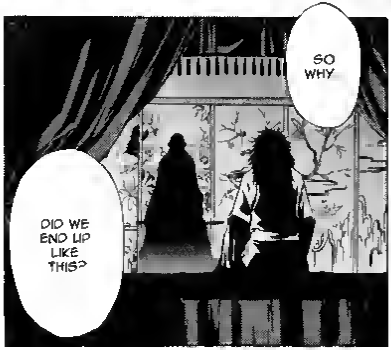
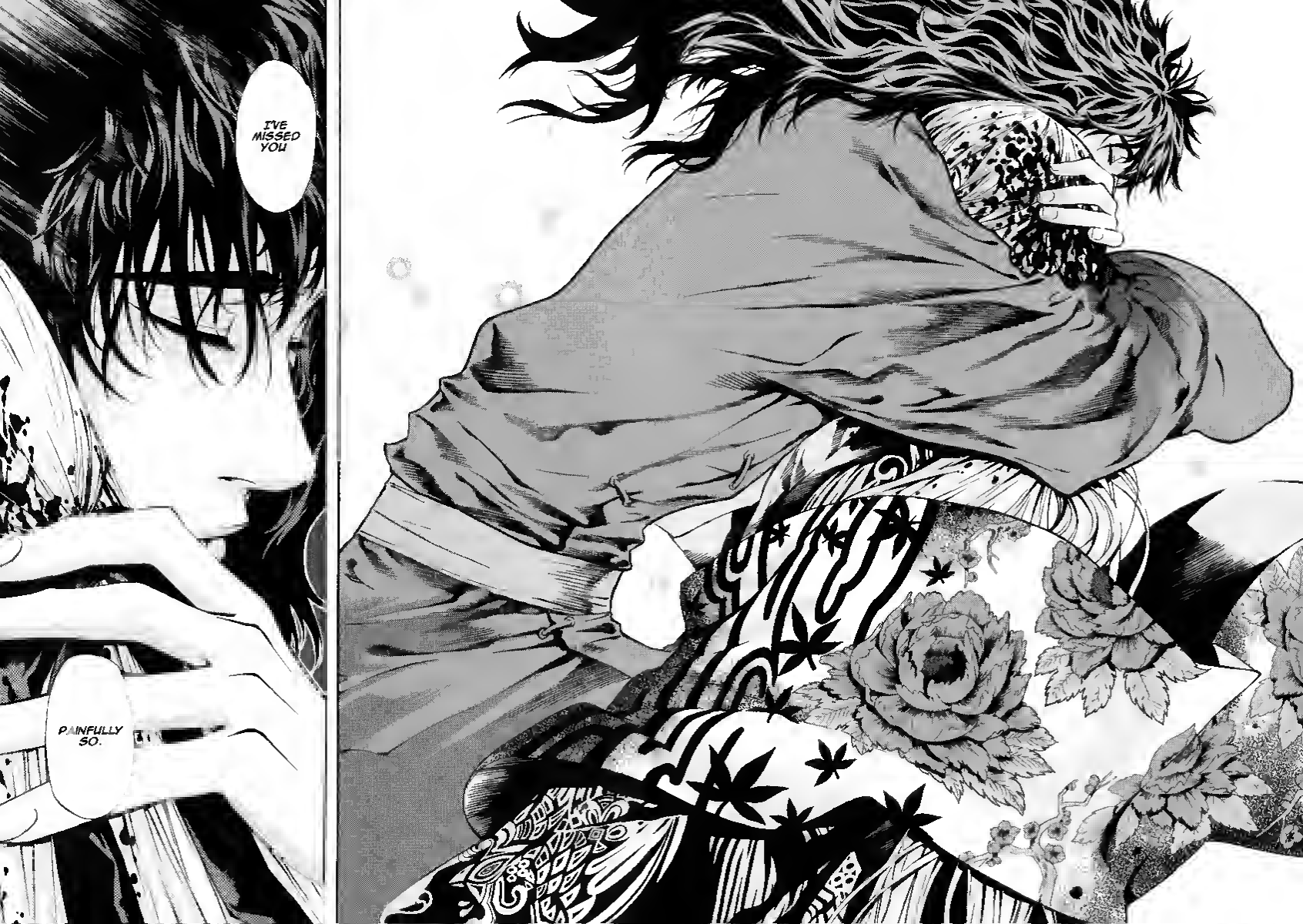
SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY...
WE SEEM TO HAVE TAKEN THE WRONG PATH.


SO WHY
DID WE END UP LIKE THIS?

YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO REALIZE YOUR AMBITIONS...
WHILE I HAVE ALWAYS WISHED TO FIND HAPPINESS

BECAUSE OF OUR DREAMS
DID WE REALLY DESERVE THIS HORRIBLE DIVINE PUNISHMENT FOR BEING SO SELFISH?

I BEG YOU...
PLEASE DON'T COME OVER HERE
KYE WOL HYANG...
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
PLEASE DON'T COME OVER HERE
IF YOU WON'T HOLD ONTO ME FOREVER
NO
I CAN'T BE HELD IN YOUR ARMS ANYMORE


I'VE MISSED YOU
PAINFULLY SO.

I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY
MUNGU, SAVE ME.
I'M... REALLY AFRAID...

...BECAUSE...
HE SAID I'M ALREADY DEAD

ATTACK!!

RUN, SU!
FORGET IT. LET THEM GO FOR NOW

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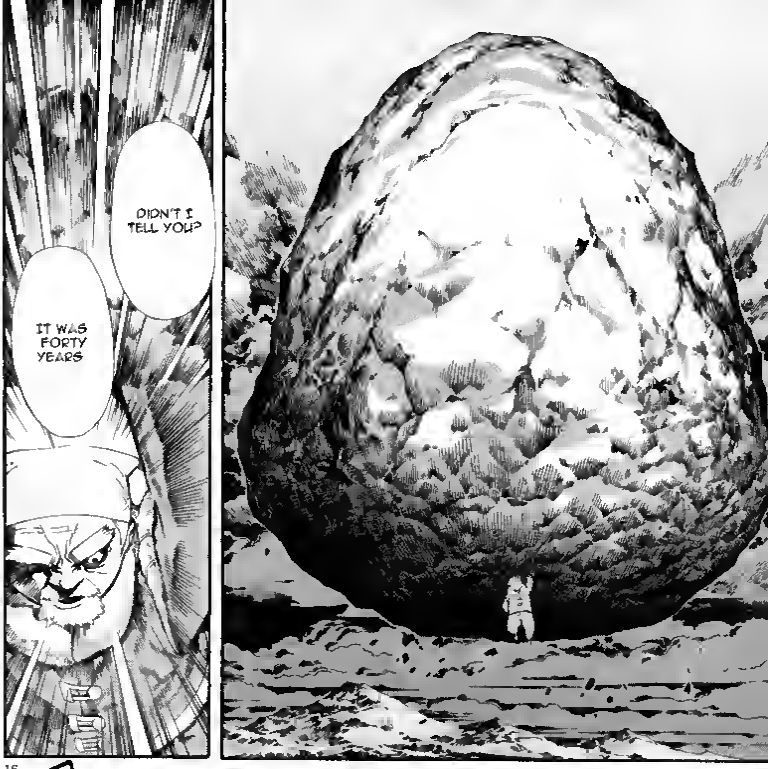
I WAS THE CAPTAIN OF JUSHIN'S SORCERY DIVISION FOR FORTY YEARS...
AND THOUGH I'VE FORSAKEN THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND VOWED NEVER TO TAKE ANOTHER LIFE
AGAINST THE SERVANTS OF DEMONS, I'LL SHOW NO MERCY!!


DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
IT WAS FORTY YEARS

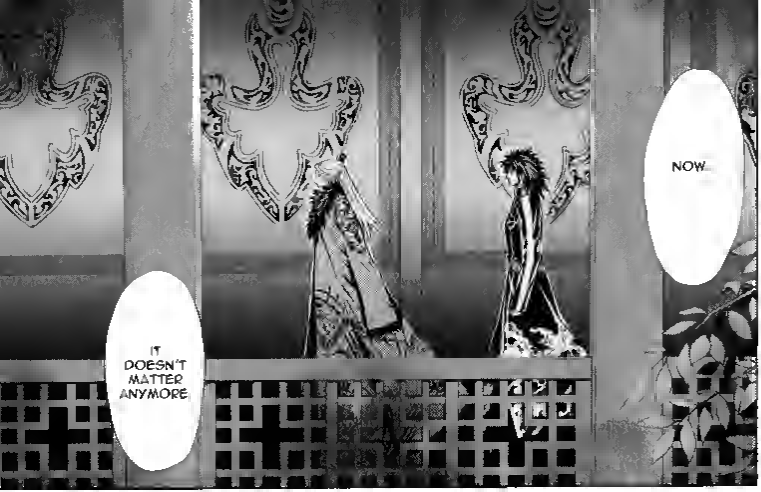
SORCERY, YOU SAY?

TO SAVE TIME, I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT NOW
WILL AWAKEN SOON
MUNSU
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS...
EVERYBODY ELSE MUST DIE

I NEED EVERYBODY AROUND HIM...
AND EVERYTHING HE HAS TO BE DESTROYED
OTHERWISE I'LL HAVE TROUBLE
JUST LIKE THE LAST TIME

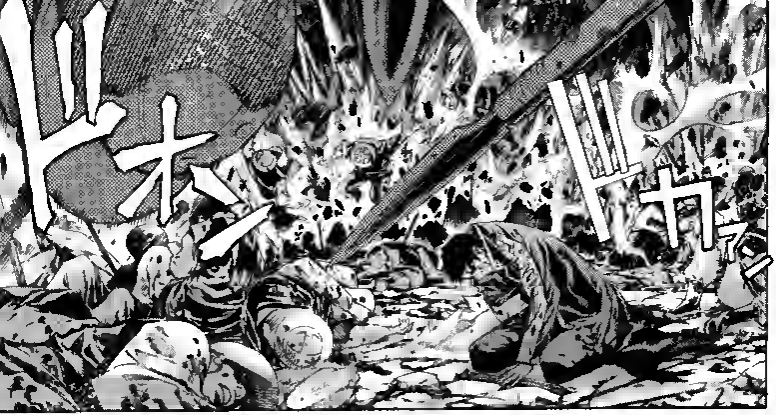
KYE WOL HYANG, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOU ALREADY DIED? HOW CAN A DEAD PERSON BE TALKING TO ME?

BUT FIRST, WE HAVE TO LEAVE THIS PLACE
THOSE SUPERFICIAL WOUNDS WILL BE EASY TO HEAL
HE SAID YOU CAME BACK TO START A REVOLT


NOW...
IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE

WHICH ONE IS REAL
DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE
LET'S GO, KYE WOL HYANG
HURRY, LET'S LEAVE THIS PLACE
THE TWO OF US...
TOGETHER FOREVER.

JUSHIN HAS ALREADY BECOME LIKE THIS
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE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MUNSU, ARE YOU SAYING
YOU DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO JUSHIN?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE REALIZED IT!
WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ACACIA TREE DOESN'T AFFECT ME
REMEMBER WHAT WE SAID WHEN WE WERE LITTLE?
MUNSU

THAT WAS JUST OUR EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT
IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY BEARING ON REALITY

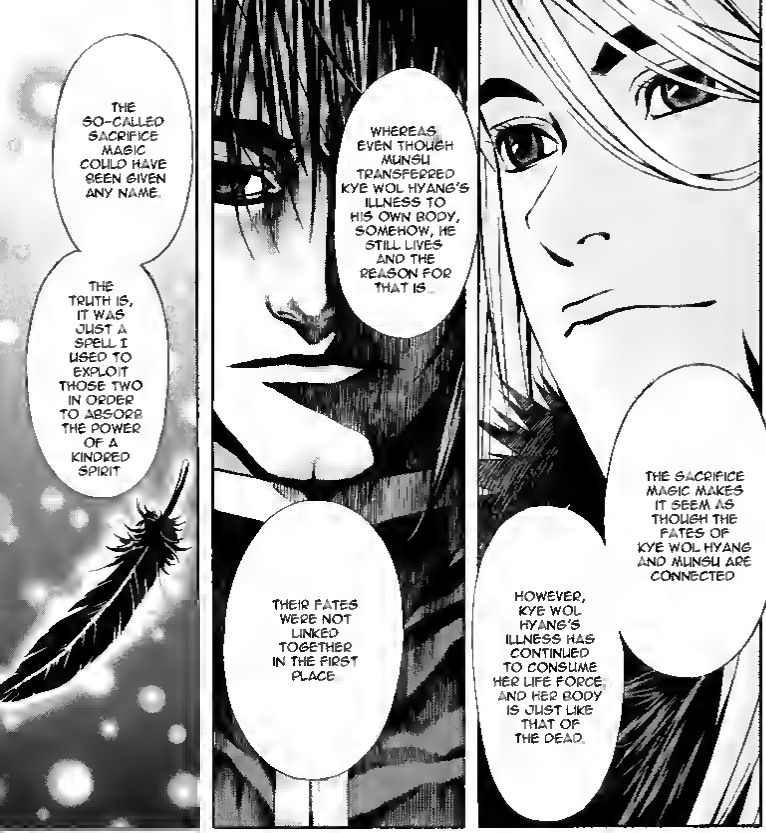
I'VE ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND FROM NOW ON I WILL ONLY THINK ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE PLEASANT TO THINK ABOUT
AND BELIEVE THINGS I WANT TO BELIEVE

TODAY'S JUSHIN,
HAE MO SU,
YOU,
AND I...
WILL BE FINE AS LONG AS I CAN ACCEPT ALL OF THAT

EVEN A DEEPLY ROOTED TREE
WILL BEND AND FALL WHEN A TYPHOON STRIKES

LORD AJI TAE, THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU
WHY DID YOU PUT MUNSU AND KYE WOL HYANG IN THE SAME ROOM?
WHEN PEOPLE ARE CORNERED WITH NO WAY OUT...
SOME WILL RESIGN THEMSELVES TO THEIR FATES... AND SOME WILL LASH OUT
A MOMENT AGO I TOLD HER...
THE ONLY THING SHE COULD DO TO RESTORE HERSELF
ALTHOUGH MUNSU IS KYE WOL HYANG'S GREATEST LOVE...
THE BLACK MAGIC HAS LEFT HER UGLY, SO SHE ISN'T COMPLETELY FREE OF HATRED FOR MUNSU

KILL MUNSU
WAS TO...


THE SO-CALLED SACRIFICE MAGIC COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN ANY NAME.
THE TRUTH IS, IT WAS JUST A SPELL I USED TO EXPLOIT THOSE TWO IN ORDER TO ABSORB THE POWER OF A KINDRED SPIRIT
THEIR FATES WERE NOT LINKED TOGETHER IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WHEREAS EVEN THOUGH MUNSU TRANSFERRED KYE WOL HYANG'S ILLNESS TO HIS OWN BODY, SOMEHOW, HE STILL LIVES AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS...
HOWEVER, KYE WOL HYANG'S ILLNESS HAS CONTINUED TO CONSUME HER LIFE FORCE, AND HER BODY IS JUST LIKE THAT OF THE DEAD.
THE SACRIFICE MAGIC MAKES IT SEEM AS THOUGH THE FATES OF KYE WOL HYANG AND MUNSU ARE CONNECTED

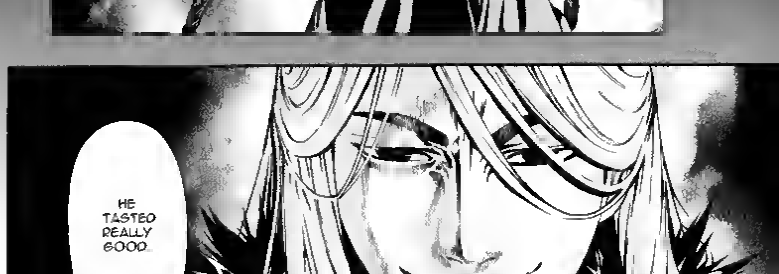
DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU BURBLE WITH EXCITEMENT?
AND YET...
I JUST TOLD HER THAT IF SHE KILLS MUNSU SHE WOULD BE RESTORED TO HER ORIGINAL FORM

THERE IS A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE AND HATE
WILL SHE LISTEN TO MUNSU...
OR WILL SHE...?

I THINK I KNOW ABOUT SEVENTY OR EIGHTY PERCENT OF WHAT THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU... BUT
I WAS THE FIRST ONE TO RESPECT YOU, AND THE FIRST ONE TO BELIEVE IN YOU
AND THERE IS SOME-THING ELSE...
THE REAL HAE MO SU LORD AJI TAE?
WHERE IS...

I ATE HIM THE MOMENT WE MET.
I ATE HIM.
THAT DAY...
WHEN MUNSU LEFT FOR THE WEST.
THE DAY I MET HAE MO SU FOR THE FIRST TIME.

AS THE KING OF AN ENTIRE COUNTRY.


HE TASTED REALLY GOOD.

SUMMON THE FULL ARMY. WE NEED TO FIGHT WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!!!
DON'T LEAVE EVEN ONE OF THEM ALIVE
THESE MONSTERS BLINDED BY BLOODLUST—
!!
DE-CAPITATE THEM ALL!
THOSE PIECES OF RUBBISH, WE DON'T NEED ANY OF THEM

CAN YOU STILL STAND, WON SUL?
WE BECAME MONSTERS TO THEM A LONG TIME AGO

IN THEIR PURSUIT OF THE BEAUTIFICATION OF JUSHIN,
SOONER OR LATER, WE WOULD BE SEEN AS UNWANTED BAGGAGE.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE...
BUT TO OBEY AND CARRY OUT THE MISSIONS AS ORDERED BY OUR SUPERIORS.
EVEN SO, THIS IS NOT THE ANSWER
AS MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY,
ISN'T THAT TROUBLE-SOME?
BUT WE DON'T REALLY LIKE JUSHIN ANYMORE,
SO LET'S GO TOGETHER
UNTIL WE MEET OUR END

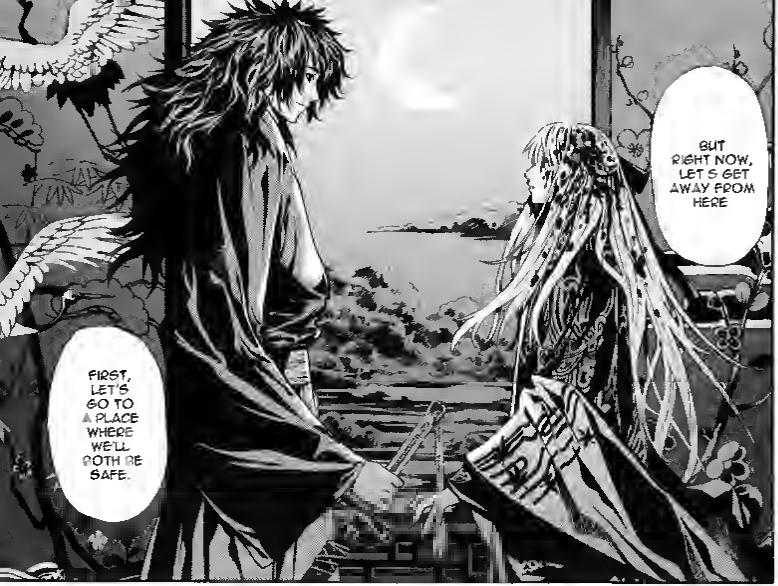
KILLING MUNSU...
WILL RESTORE YOUR APPEARANCE.

ASK YOURSELF,
KYE WOL HYANG
IS MUNSU STILL WORTHY OF YOUR LOVE?
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SUDDENLY STOOD UP...
AND GRABBED THAT UNSIGHTLY THING
MUNSU...
WERE YOU SERIOUS?
DO YOU REALLY NO LONGER CARE ABOUT JUSHIN
ABOUT THE ACACIA TREE...?

PLEASE I BEG YOU...
PLEASE SAY YOU WEREN'T SERIOUS...

HOW COULD I BE SERIOUS?
I...
THAT'S RIGHT...

ALL OF THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US...
I'M SORRY I WAS BEING FOOLISH A MOMENT AGO...


BUT RIGHT NOW, LET'S GET AWAY FROM HERE
FIRST, LET'S GO TO A PLACE WHERE WE'LL BOTH BE SAFE.

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MUNSU...

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN...
IN THE END... I CAN ONLY BE THE WIFE OF ONE MAN...
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
YOU...
AREN'T THAT KIND OF A MAN

THAT THE WOMAN IN FRONT OF YOU...
IS ALREADY DEAD?

I LOVE YOU..
MUNSU

KYE
WOL
HYANG!!!

I REALLY MISCALCULATED LAST TIME
THE TIME... WHEN KYE WOL HYANG COMMITTED SUICIDE...
AND WHAT YOU BECAME... WAS COMPLETELY BEYOND MY EXPECTATIONS
YOU REALLY WERE LUCKY, MUNSU

I'VE CAST YOU OVER THE EDGES OF MANY CLIFFS,
AND YET EVERY SINGLE TIME YOU MANAGED TO CLIMB BACK UP AND CHASE ME ONCE MORE
BUT THIS TIME THAT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE
BECAUSE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE
HAS FALLEN INTO MY HANDS

WILL DEFINITELY NOT OCCUR AGAIN
THE MIRACLE...

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The ancient kingdom of Jushin.
Once upon a time,
direct emissaries of the King were sent to
outlying regions to free the people from suffering under evil.
The people called them the Amen-osa.
And today, when the kingdom has collapsed...
A single Amen-osa, named Munsu,
together with his guard Sando and his servant Banja,
wanders through the ravaged land,
fighting evil and countless demons and monsters...

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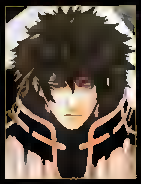
STORY

As Munsu lingers on the brink of death, the influence of the mandrake causes him to relive his adventures with his beloved Kye Wol Hyang in the Western nations
When Kye Wol Hyang's illness suddenly worsens, Munsu moves to save her, and thereby, falls victim to Aji Tae's carefully laid plans
At last, Aji Tae's demonic nature begins to be revealed .

CHARACTERS

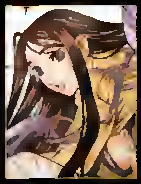
Bang Ja

Self-proclaimed Great Sorcerer With his former Angyo Onshi dead, the wandering Bang Ja decides to dedicate his life to serving Munsu.



Munsu

An Angyo Onshi and possessor of the powerful Three Horse Mahai which allows him to summon the Phantom Soldiers
Afflicted with a mysterious curse, his body deteriorates day by day



Sandoo

Original name Chun Hyang
A powerful warrior she becomes Munsu's bodyguard in order to fulfill her dead lover's wish

Kye Wol Hyang

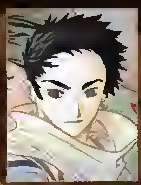
The woman Munsu loves. She has suffered from a serious illness since childhood.

Hae Mo Su

The king of Joshun He and Munsu grew up together and are close friends.

Aji Tae

Munsu's greatest enemy
Although the true cause of Joshin's collapse is still a mystery, Aji Tae is believed to be the one morally responsible.



Won Sul

Once a member of Joshin's elite swordsmen brigade, the Hwarang. As their most powerful swordsman, he earned the great title of rang.